GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Shortage of Funds under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of funds for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) despite the highest ever budgetary allocation to the said scheme this fiscal year and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of additional fund allocation required to meet the demands under the said scheme;

(c) the details of fund utilization in the year 2015-16, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has identified any leakages in the transfer of funds, due to which the scheme is facing shortage of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): The budget allocation was Rs.38500 crore for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during 2016-17 and Revised Estimate is Rs.47499 crore. The Ministry has already released Rs.43034.17 crore to the States/ UTs during 2016-17 as on 27.01.2017. The funds release to States/ UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to make funds available as per actual basis.

(c): State/UT-wise details of expenditure under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during 2015-16 is given at Annexure.

(d): No Madam. Direct Benefit Transfer and NeFMS has streamlined the fund flow system.

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